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H. R. 2722

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for reciprocity in regard to the manner in which nonresidents of a State may carry certain concealed firearms in the State.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 1997

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. RECIPROCITY FOR THE CARRYING OF CERTAIN**
4 **CONCEALED FIREARMS BY NONRESIDENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 926A
7 the following:

1 **“§ 926B. Reciprocity for the carrying of certain con-**
2 **cealed firearms by nonresidents**

3 “(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the law of any
4 State or political subdivision thereof, a person who is not
5 prohibited by Federal law from possessing, transporting,
6 shipping, or receiving a firearm and—

7 “(1) who is carrying a valid license which is is-
8 sued pursuant to the law of any State and which
9 permits the person to carry a concealed firearm; or

10 “(2) who is otherwise entitled to carry a con-
11 cealed firearm in and pursuant to the law of the
12 State of a person’s residence—

13 may carry in any State a concealed firearm that has been
14 shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce,
15 in accordance with the terms of the license or with the
16 laws of the State of the person’s residence.

17 “(b)(1) If such other State issues licenses or permits
18 to carry concealed firearms, or allows for the concealed
19 carry of firearms without issuing licenses or permits, the
20 person may carry a concealed firearm in the State under
21 the same restrictions applicable to specific circumstances
22 (concerning locations in which firearms may not be car-
23 ried) which apply to the carrying of a concealed firearm
24 by a resident of that State.

25 “(2) If such other State does not issue licenses or
26 permits to carry concealed firearms and does not allow for

1 the concealed carry of firearms without a license or per-
2 mit, the person may carry a concealed firearm under the
3 restrictions applicable to specific circumstances (concern-
4 ing locations in which firearms may not be carried) en-
5 acted pursuant to the law of such State.”.

6 (b) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this Act, or
7 the application thereof to any person or circumstance is
8 held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions
9 or applications of the Act which can be given effect with-
10 out the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end
11 the provisions of this Act are severable.

12 (c) CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTIFICATION.—The provi-
13 sions of this Act are enacted to effectuate the requirement,
14 under section 1 of article IV of the Constitution of the
15 United States, that “Full Faith and Credit shall be given
16 in each State to the public Act, Records, and judicial Pro-
17 ceedings of every other State” (in accordance with the
18 precedents established by 23 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), and are
19 enacted to effectuate the provisions of the second amend-
20 ment to the Constitution, together with other applicable
21 provisions of the Constitution.

22 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

23 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
24 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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